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A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, seeking recognition and accommodation of the needs of Pierce County for mental health services at Western State Hospital

WHEREAS, for over 100 years, Western State Hospital property has been set aside for treatment of mentally ill patients; and,

WHEREAS, because of the presence of Western State Hospital, individuals with mental illness treatment needs have come to Pierce County in disproportionately higher numbers than would be the case in other counties; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor and the Washington State Department of Social & Health Services, is promoting a plan that would reduce the number of beds at Western State Hospital allocated for patients in Pierce County and at the same time charge Pierce County an increased cost for the number of patients in excess of the allotment intended by the State; and,

WHEREAS, such a change, after many years of action by the State at Western State Hospital which prompts the disproportionately higher number of patients from Pierce County poses a significantly greater impact on Pierce County and its need for mental health services than should reasonably be absorbed by the citizens and taxpayers of Pierce County.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES, as Follows:

Section 1. That the Governor and the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services are requested to reconsider the proposal which would reduce the number of beds at Western State Hospital allocated to Pierce County patients and charge Pierce County for patients in excess of this allocation.

Section 2. That the Governor and the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services are further requested to seek funding resources that could be used to insure ongoing support for the mental health needs that have gravitated to Pierce County based upon the presence of Western State Hospital.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 16th day of April, 2001.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Bill Harrison, Mayor

Attest:

Alice M. Bush, CMC/AE, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Daniel B. Heid, City Attorney

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